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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of German Patent Application No. 196 46 392.0, filed November 11, 1996, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said German Patent Application is of record in parent application Serial No. 08/904,607, filed August 1, 1997, now USP 5,948,430, as acknowledged by the Examiner.

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